Medford, Mass.,
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Mr. William Lloyd Garrison:

Respected Sir:

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Thirty-eight years ago, when the name of "abolitionist" was not remarkably popular, my father, Mr. W. A. Haskell, then a shoemaker in the "West Parish" of Gloucester, in this State, was so much an admirer of you, for the bold stand you had taken in the cause of human freedom, that he expressed his good will by attaching your name to his first-born son.

That son, a freedom-lover because of the very blood in his veins, and whose privilege it was to take part in the war whose result was the abolition of the system of slavery, has now the boldness to ask of his godfather (you won't feel of-fended?) that he may have, from him,

a photograph likeness, and an autograph letter. And he promises that if his request shall be granted, both likeness and letter shall go to his children, as reminders of the man whose name their father bore, — the man who dared to stand in freedom's cause, though he stood almost alone.

Of himself, he will only say that with reason it might be expected, (his blood and his name taken into the account) that he should be an ardent believer in universal freedom, whether of body, mind or soul. — This he certainly is, and he perhaps legitimately preaches the gospel of universal redemption.

Yours, with highest esteem,

Wm Garrison Haskell,

Pastor Universalist Church,

Medford, Mass.

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